

**COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 6447, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF DATA OFFICER AUTHORIZATION ACT**

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6447, Department of Homeland Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6447, the Department of Homeland Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director*.

Enclosure.

H.R. 6447—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF DATA OFFICER AUTHORIZATION ACT

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on July 24, 2018

H.R. 6447 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate a current career appointee as the chief data officer of the department. The bill also would require each of the seven operational components within DHS (such as Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration) to designate current appointees as chief data officers. Those offices would coordinate the integration of data among DHS agencies, oversee the storage of records, and manage other tasks related to the use of DHS data systems.

Two DHS operational components currently have a chief data officers while a third component has a vacant position. We expect that the other four components and the department would have to hire five additional people to assist in carrying out the formal role of chief data officer established by the bill at an annual cost of around \$150,000 per person. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6447 would cost about \$1 million annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 6447 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6447 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6447 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

**TRIBUTE TO LINDA AND MICHAEL JONES**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda and Michael Jones of West Des Moines, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 28, 2018.

Linda and Michael's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Linda and Michael Jones on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

**SECURE BORDER COMMUNICATIONS ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 6742—Secure Border Communications Act

H.R. 6742 would require Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to equip CBP officers and border patrol agents with radios or similar devices that permit secure and effective communication with DHS personnel and with other federal and nonfederal law enforcement entities. According to CBP, it outfits its officers and agents with radios that largely satisfy the act's requirements, so CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6742 would have no significant effect on agency spending.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6742 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6742 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

**RECOGNIZING BESPOKE GROUP LLC'S CONTINUED EXPORTING EXCELLENCE**

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a small business in my district, the Bespoke Group LLC. As an exporter of pulse crops, such as lentils, dry peas, and chickpeas, the Bespoke Group was recognized in 2015 by the U.S. Commerce Department with the prestigious President's "E" Award. This honor was founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, who wanted to recognize exporters who were making tremendous contributions to the U.S. employment level and strengthening our economy.

Today, the Commerce Department reserves this accolade for those small companies that demonstrate sustained export sales increases over a four-year period, making it the highest recognition that any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of American exports. Small businesses are vital to a healthy and growing American economy, and companies such as Bespoke Group LLC are helping to boost our economy to new heights. I look forward to other Texan small businesses receiving similar national acclaim for their exemplary work in promoting American economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Bespoke Group LLC, and all small businesses across the U.S., for their continued and vital efforts to promoting American prosperity and strengthening our economy.

**HONORING THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY PRESS**

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, as the credibility of journalists and media outlets come under fire daily, I want to recognize one newspaper in my district that has been serving Westchester County for the past 90 years, the Westchester County Press.

Casilda luella established the local newspaper, at first, to serve her community of Hastings-on-Hudson, and did so for 23 years. Casilda then sold the newspaper in 1951 to Reverend Alger Adams, and his wife Jessie of Hastings-on-Hudson, who shifted the focus of the newspaper. Moving from a strictly local point of view, the Westchester County Press began reporting on the lack of African-American representation within the county. Over the next 35 years, Reverend Adams followed leads, hired reporters, and columnists to grow the Westchester County Press. Most notably, Reverend Adams hired civil rights activist M. Paul Redd, Sr. to write a weekly political column titled "M. Paul Tells All."